

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Item 8.1 Move Residential Alley Garbage Collection to Curbside – City Wide
a) Shane Mitchell, Ward 4 resident, submitting the **attached** comments received May 23, 2023 as a written submission

DELEGATIONS:

- Item 7.1 Report No. 156 of the Windsor Licensing Commission – Taxicab meter rate and tariffs
a) Walter Bezzina, Vets Cab, (in person)
b) Marwan Abou-Zeeni, Chairperson, Unifor Local 195, available for questions (in person)
c) Jay Abdoulrahman, Canadian Checker Cab, available for questions (in person)
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a) Nick Rosic, Ward 3 resident (in person)
b) Nicholas Amlin, Ward 3 resident (in person)

Issues with front Yard garbage collection in Walkerville.

It's come to my attention that the city is considering moving refuse collection from the alley to front yards in Walkerville and beyond. As a 14 year resident of Walkerville, I urge you to reject this proposal for the following reasons:

1. Built form

Walkerville is not like the rest of the city. It's important that we have a waste collection solution that fits the urban form of our community. Our neighbourhood has a traditional built form and for well over 100 years refuse has already be collected at the rear.

Townhomes – not all townhomes have side yard access! See Fig. 1

Issues/Risks:

- a. storage of refuse bins in front yards/front porches. Storage of recycling bins in front yards or on porches is already a common problem in our neighborhood – see fig. 2. This proposed change will only exasperate the problem – see fig 3 and 4 (Toronto).
- b. difficulty bringing refuse bins from year yard/garages to front (seniors, people with mobility issues, general population (carry refuse bins through home?))

Garages – homes of all types (single family, semis, towns) all typically have rear facing garages or garages located at the rear of the property.

Issues/Risks:

- a. most people store refuse and recycle bins in garages or sheds, in common suburban areas garages face the street and are more commonly located toward the front of the property, in Walkerville garages are located at the rear of the property and therefore it's difficult for people in any home type to carry bins to the street.

2. Urban realm

Walkerville has a robust alley network, these alleys intended as a service space, it's where garages and automobile storage takes place, where utilities are placed and where refuse is collected, the purpose of alleys is to hide the "ugly stuff" from the public realm (the street). This is a major amenity in our community, not unlike Southwood Lakes, Walkerville residents choose their community because of the amenities that have existed in our community for well over 100 years, removing an amenity such as alley refuse pickup is no different than the expectation of Southwood Lakes residents who fought to maintain the light standards used in our community.

3. Future Considerations

- a. removing alley pickup has implications for future development. As Walkerville is poised to see new infill development, alley pickup of refuse is critical to service new urban developments compatible with Walkerville's unique urban form.
- b. Compost collection – once compost collection starts in Windsor-Essex it's critical we keep collection points at the rear of homes for the reasons explained above, in fact it would be ideal if recycling could be moved to the rear as well.

Fig. 1 – Townhomes without side yard access:



Fig. 2 – A common sight – recycle bins stored on front porches



Fig. 3 – A Toronto problem – Do we really want this here?

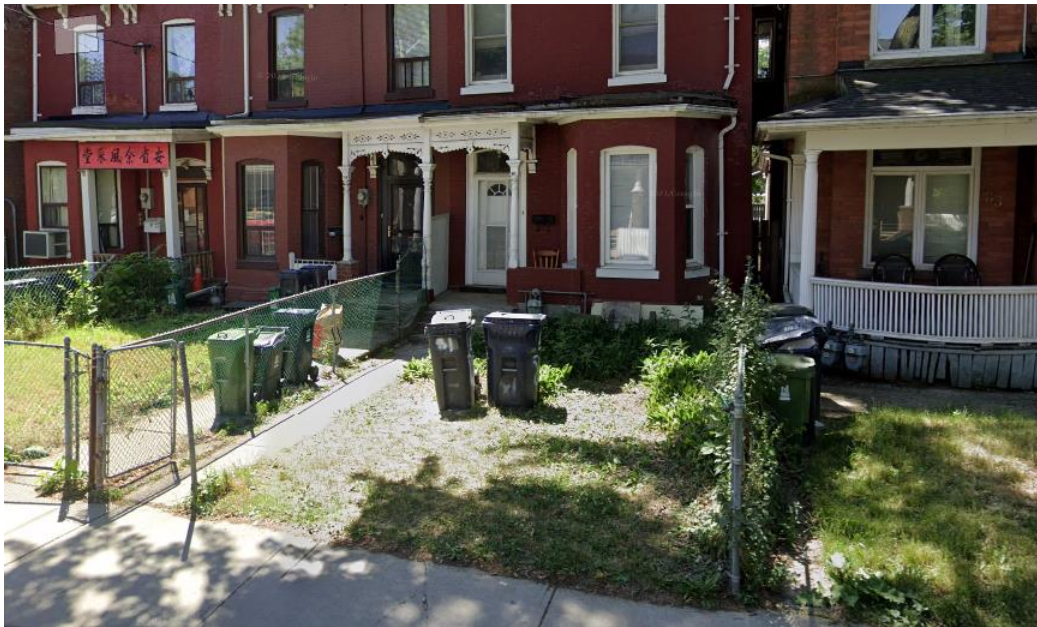


Fig. 4 – A Toronto problem – Do we really want this here?

